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Re: U.S. Appln. SN-10/550,428
Applicant: Prabhat Ranjan Mishra
Filing or 371(c) Date: 09/21/2005
Title: Closure for a container
Art Unit 3727
Attorney Docket No. BP9912
Confirmation No. 3335
Date Mailed: March 3, 2006

Dear Sir:

I am the patent attorney for Doyle D. Gracey whenever he has filed patent applications with the U. S. Patent Office and all correspondence with the Patent Office is sent to my office.

Mr. Gracey received the enclosed document and forwarded it to me asking what it meant. Upon examining the document, I believe it was sent to Mr. Gracey in error. Mr. Gracey does not know the applicant Prabhat Ranjan Mishra of Bristol, United Kingdom.

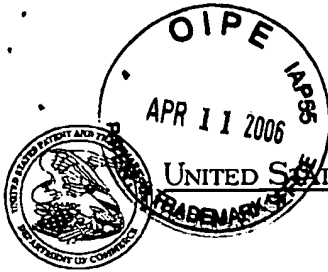
On Mr. Gracey's behalf I am returning the filing receipt document to you so that the mailing address can be corrected and the filing receipt sent to whoever filed the application with the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

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Applicant(s)

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Power of Attorney: None

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This application is a 371 of PCT/GB04/01161 03/18/2004

Foreign Applications

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Title

Closure for a container

Preliminary Class

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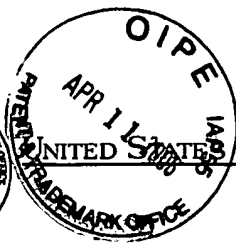
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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

<u>09/21/2005</u>	<u>09/21/2005</u>
DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/21/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/21/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 09/21/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/21/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/21/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 09/21/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 09/21/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/21/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/21/2005

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